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MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the rules strictly with manufacturing units and other industries in paying penalties who failed to manage solid waste generated by them at source;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified the Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008. As per these Rules, the occupier, importer, transporter and operator of the facility are liable for all damages caused to the environment or third party due to improper handling of the hazardous wastes or disposal of the hazardous wastes.

The occupier and the operator of the facility shall be liable to pay financial penalties as levied for any violation of the provisions under these rules by the State Pollution Control Board with the prior approval of the Central Pollution Control Board.

The State Pollution Control Boards / Pollution Control Committees are required to take action against violations of Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008. CPCB, till the year 2008, has approved seven proposals of State Pollution Control Boards, imposing financial penalties against 138 industries for improper disposal or non-compliance to the provisions of Hazardous Rules, 2008.